

March 2, 2025

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first-time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book in the narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians, please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion

For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian: we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE – Tone 3. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (ca. 320). St. Arsenius, Bishop of Tver (1409). Virgin Martyr Euthalia of Sicily (257). Martyr Troadius of Neo-Cæsarea (3rd c.). Ven. Agathon of Egypt (5th c.). 400 Martyrs slain by the Lombards in Sicily (579).

TROPARIA

Tone 3 Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 4 In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

Tone 4 Now the season of virtues has come, and the Judge is at the door. Let us not hold back with a darkened face, but offering tears, contrition and giving of alms let us keep the fast, and let us cry: Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea, but forgive each of us, that we may receive an incorruptible crown, O Savior of all!

The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

(Psalm 75:10a)

v. God is known in Judea, in Israel great is his name. (Psalm 75:1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (13:11 - 14:4) Brethren, you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v. It is good to confess to the Lord, to chant to your name, O Most High. *(Psalm 91:1)*

v. So that to proclaim your mercy in the morning and your truth through the night. *(Psalm 91:2a)*

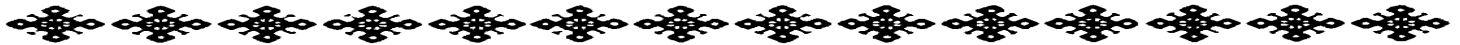
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (6:14-21) The Lord said: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x)! *(Psalm 148:1)*

Sunday of Cheesefare, the expulsion of Adam from Paradise The Holy Fathers have appointed the commemoration of Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight here, on the eve of the holy Forty-day Fast, demonstrating to us not by simple words, but by actual deeds, how beneficial fasting is for man, and how harmful and destructive are unbridled desire and the transgressing of the divine commandments. For the first commandment that God gave to man was that of fasting, which the first-fashioned received but did not keep; and not only did they not become gods, as they had imagined, but they lost even that blessed life which they had, and they fell into corruption and death, and transmitted these and innumerable other evils to all of mankind. The God-bearing Fathers set these things before us today, that by bringing to mind what we have fallen from, and what we have suffered because of the unbridled desire and disobedience of the first-fashioned, we might be diligent to return again to that ancient bliss and glory by means of fasting and obedience to all the divine commands. Taking occasion from today's Gospel (Matthew 6:14-21) to begin the Fast unencumbered by enmity, we also ask forgiveness this day, first from God, then from one another and all creation. *from goarch.org*

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

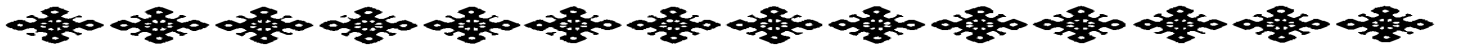
Bosa, Milan, Mira, Radmila, Jeff, Jim, Nikke, Miroslav, Tatiana, Hannah, Alex, Nikolas, Ashley, Gracie, and Allie

Bosa Kantor

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Memory Eternal Eftyhia Batsios
Dorothy Goodman (2 yrs. Feb. 27) Memory Eternal
Tom Flynn

Irine Batcos & family
Debbie, Ralph, Joe & Sarah
John & Cecilia Musulin



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors and those joining us via our YouTube channel: [St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#). If at the time of the divine services you cannot access the livestream, please check out [St. Mary Magdalene Church](#), [St George Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#).

Mar 2 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Barry Cavett

READER: Phil Wiles

Mar 9 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Phil Wiles

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS will resume on Sunday, March 9.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES are on Fridays (during Lent), at 11:15 am. We are reading - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991).

CHURCH SCHOOL - lesson is: [St Gerasimus and monasticism](#)

CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON today after Liturgy. Join us for a great meal with pancakes, mac-n-cheese, creamed spinach, casserole and more. A free will offering will be collected.

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT March 21 & 22 at St. George with Fr. Silviu Bunta. Register at this **QR code** or click [HERE](#). The topic will be the *hymnography of Holy Friday & Holy Saturday in our lives*. The deadline to register is March 14. Fliers with the details and the QR code are in the parish hall. If you aren't able to register online you can add your name to the signup sheet in the parish hall & we'll do it for you.



LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER We will have our Lenten Prayer Partners again this year. If you are out of town for Lent or are homebound and would like to participate, please call the office: 810-744-0070. Here's how the Lenten Prayer Partner works: prayer cards are printed with a blank space for your name. It is then folded in half and returned to the office. On Cheesefare Sunday (March 2), everyone participating will draw a card. Then everyone will pray daily for the person on the card they drew. Remember to keep it secret! At Pascha, you can let your prayer partner know you remembered them in prayer during Lent by giving them a card or a red egg or sending them a card.

Thank you for the many cards, condolences, prayers and kind words. Your outpouring of love has meant so much to us. Marcia & Terry Hammerberg

TEEN TRIP TO DORMITION MONASTERY Teens in our parish are invited to join the teens of St George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Flint, for their visit to Holy Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction, MI Saturday, March 8 through Sunday, March 9. **Please call St George Church as soon as possible at 810-732-0720.**

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website www.saintnicholasburton.org and click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#); this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). ***Please consider adding a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged.** If you do not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-3.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Cheesefare Dinner
Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, March 3 - Great Lent Begins

6 pm [Compline w/1st part of the Canon of St Andrew of Crete - live-streamed](#)

Tuesday, March 4

6 pm [Compline w/2nd part of the Canon of St Andrew of Crete - live-streamed](#)

Wednesday, March 5

10 am lenten Hours

6 pm [Compline w/3rd part of the Canon of St Andrew of Crete - live-streamed](#)

Thursday, March 6

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

6 pm [Compline w/4th part of the Canon of St Andrew of Crete - live-streamed](#)

Friday, March 7

9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy

11:15 am Adult education class

Saturday, March 8 St Theodore's Saturday

9:30 am [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

5 pm [Vespers - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, March 9 1st Sunday of Lent / 40 martyrs of Sebaste

9:30 am [Hours-live-streamed](#)

10 am [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

Church School - [Orthodoxy Sunday](#)

40 day memorial for Ellyn Serra

Please bring an icon from home for the procession with the holy icons!

Offerings for the week February 23, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,963.70
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -1,416.30

81 persons in attendance on February 23